

California Department of Food & Agriculture

Minutes

of the Meeting / Conference Call

of the Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board

Held on Monday, November 29, 2018

CDFA Gateway Oaks Facility at 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive, Room 267, Sacramento, CA 95833

PD/GWSS BOARD

Members Present: Pam Bond*, Greg Coleman*, John Crossland*, Trey Irwin*, Jim Ledbetter*, Steve McIntyre*, Ryan Metzler*

Members Absent: Jeff Bitter, Robert Crudup, Bill Hammond, Keith Horn, Domonic Rossini

OTHER ATTENDEES

Tom Esser, Cathy Fisher, Ken Freeze, Craig Hanes, Kapua Kahumoku, Stacie Oswalt, Ted Rieger, Sean Veling, Bob Wynn

*Denotes members attending via conference call

CALL TO ORDER

PD/GWSS Board Chairperson Ryan Metzler called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Wynn, CDFA Statewide Coordinator, conducted the roll call for the PD/GWSS Board (Board).
A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Board Chairperson Ryan Metzler thanked the members for attending this meeting.

RESEARCH FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Research Screening Committee Chairperson Steve McIntyre presented a research proposal for funding consideration by the Board. The proposal, by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida at UC Berkeley, is for continuing the testing of grapevines designed to block vector transmission of *Xylella fastidiosa*. Funding for the long-term research project that led to the development of these plants has been provided by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the PD/GWSS Board. Due to a keying error for the indirect cost charge rate, the project recently developed a funding shortfall and needed \$38,617 to finish out the fiscal year.

- After a brief discussion, the Board voted to recommend funding the research proposal "Testing of Grapevines Designed to Block Vector Transmission of *Xylella fastidiosa*" by Dr. Rodrigo Almeida at UC Berkeley in the amount of \$38,617 for seven months (12/1/2018 – 6/30/2019).

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: Bond*, Coleman*, Crossland*, Irwin*, Ledbetter*, McIntyre*, Metzler*
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bitter, Crudup, Hammond, Horn, Rossini

OTHER ITEMS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Board Chairperson Ryan Metzler adjourned the meeting for the Board at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted on January 17, 2019 by

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